

Showers Sunday Night;
Fair Today.

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HOOVER DECLINES POLICE JUDGESHIP IN LETTER TO TAFT

Attorney Declares Pressure
of Private Practice Pre-
vents Acceptance.

NAMED TO SUCCEED IVORY G. KIMBALL

Washington Lawyer Rejects Nomi-
nation Announced by Presi-
dent Yesterday.

George P. Hoover, who was yesterday
nominated by the President to succeed
Judge Ivory G. Kimball on the District
police bench, this afternoon formally
declined to accept the position.

In a letter addressed to the President
Mr. Hoover pointed out that he was
prevented from accepting the place on
the bench because he could not give up
his practice in justice to himself or the
interests of persons he had to consider.

It was learned this afternoon from
friends of Mr. Hoover that he was not
consulted about the position by the
President or the Department of Justice
before his nomination was sent to the
Senate by Mr. Taft.

At the Department of Justice it was
said this afternoon that no other man
has been selected to fill the place de-
clined by Mr. Hoover, who came into
prominence before the department as
a possibility for the District Attorneys-
hip, which went to Clarence L. Wil-
son.

Mr. Hoover's Letter.

Mr. Hoover's letter to the President
was as follows:

"Mr. President: It is reported by the
public press that you have honored me
by sending to the Senate my nomi-
nation for the office of judge of the Police
Court of the District of Columbia.

"I beg to assure you that I appreciate
most highly this unanticipated honor.
It is, therefore, from no want of
appreciation, but solely because of my
inability to relinquish my profes-
sional practice with justice to myself,
and those who interest a just consid-
eration that I am unable to accept the position.

Not An Applicant.

"I was not at any time an applicant
for this office, and had I known my
name was being considered, would have
promptly communicated with you, and
thus saved you the necessity of with-
drawing my name.

"I think you have been sincerely
for the honor conferred upon me by
the nomination, but as the position is
not in the line of my ambition, or my
plans for the future, I must respect-
fully decline the appointment. With
kind regards, respectfully yours, obedient
servant, GEORGE P. HOOVER."

TELLS ON DEATHBED OF NEGRO'S ATTACK

Head Held in Furnace by Un-
known Black, Wheeling
Man Dies.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 26.—It
was brought out at the coroner's in-
quest today that Ed Rose's death re-
sulted from burns received when his
head was held in the furnace of an
engine at the Pennsylvania round
house by a negro two days ago.

Rose was found unconscious and
taken to a hospital where he died yester-
day.

Nothing was known of how he re-
ceived the burns until testimony was
given at the inquest today by persons
whom he told while on his death bed,
of refusing a negro the privilege of
sleeping in the round house.

When Rose's wife was called to the
stand she became hysterical and could
give no testimony. Rose was a fire-
man. The police are searching for the
negro.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Western disturbance will move
eastward and cause rains in the Middle
Atlantic States by Sunday night. The
weather will be fair tonight in the
Middle Atlantic States, followed by
cloudiness tomorrow. A heavy snow
was reported from Arizona.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight, Sunday partly cloudy,
followed by showers, Sunday night,
light variable winds, becoming moder-
ately southerly Sunday.

TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m.	56
9 a. m.	57
10 a. m.	57
11 a. m.	58
12 noon	59
1 p. m.	60
2 p. m.	60
3 p. m.	60

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	6:24 a. m.
Sun sets	6:13 p. m.

TIME TABLE.

Today—High tide, 2:28 a. m. and 2:34 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 2:13 a. m. and 2:40 p. m.; low tide, 2:22 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., March
26.—Both rivers clear this morning.

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MAY KINLE ANEW INSURGENCY FIRES

Selection by Speaker of Ship
Subsidy Investigation
Committee Opposed.

PRINCIPLE DECLARED TO BE AT STAKE

Speaker May Be Stripped of More
Powers by Threatened
Revolt.

A revolt against the Speaker is
threatened in the House in connection
with the resolution of Representative
Steenerson of Minnesota, for an investi-
gation into the charges that there has
been corruption in connection with the
efforts to get ship subsidy legislation.
The resolution, which has been acted
on favorably by the House Judiciary
Committee, provides for a committee of
five to conduct the investigation. This
committee is to be appointed by the
Speaker. Some of the insurgents and
Democrats do not like this. They think
the House ought to name the committee
itself.

For this reason there is a strong prob-
ability that when the resolution is taken
up by the House for action a move-
ment will be made to have the special
committee elected.

Question Is Considered.

The insurgents have been talking over
this question. Many of them feel that
in order to be consistent with their
past course they will have to take the
position that the committee should be
elected.

It is expected that any such attempt
will kindle anew the fires of trouble in
the House. The old leaders have been
thoroughly committed to the policy of
ship subsidy. They have been making
every effort for it.

The resolution of Steenerson contem-
plate an inquiry into the relations be-
tween the Merchant Marine League and
members of Congress. It is bound to
be harmful to ship subsidy legislation,
no matter how it turns out. Naturally,
the regular leaders will control the com-
mittee if they can, and will make the
situation, the president of the House,
of ship subsidy legislation as they can.

Principle At Stake.

The matter is of much more impor-
tance, however, than merely the ques-
tion of having this special committee
picked by the House. It goes to the
whole question of the selection of com-
mittees by the House itself, instead of
having them picked by the Speaker.
When the House part of the special
committee is elected, the Speaker's
investigation committee is selected
by the House instead of by the
Speaker. The president of the House
will be established of having the House
elect the special committees.

From that it will be only a step to
taking from the Speaker the power to
appoint committees.

LIVERMORE'S MONEY MAY SAVE JORDAN

Cotton Plunger to Make Su-
preme Effort in Brother-
in-Law's Behalf.

BOSTON, March 26.—Backed by the
money of Joseph Livermore, the mil-
lionsaire cotton plunger of New York, a
new effort has begun here today to save
Chester S. Jordan from the electric
chair for the murder and dismember-
ment of his wife, Honora.

Counsel for Jordan, whose sister is
married to Livermore, have filed an ex-
ception on the ground that Willis White,
one of the jurors who tried Jordan, was
insane at the time of the verdict.

It is said Livermore's money will
carry the case to the Supreme Court of
the United States.

SHOWERS PROMISED BY THE FORECASTER

Great Portion of Easter Sunday
Will Be Pleasant, With Prob-
able Rain in Evening.

Fair tonight and tomorrow morning.
Partly cloudy tomorrow afternoon and
probable showers in the evening, with
moderate temperature and light winds.
This is the best forecast for Easter
Sunday. The forecasters tried their
best to present a prediction which
would denote bright sunshine all during
the festive day but the conditions were
such as to prevent this. However they
insist that the greater part of the day
should be pleasant, although the
chances for rain late in the afternoon
are strong.

COURT POSTPONES MARY SNEAD TRIAL

Policeman Who Made Arrest of
Miss Wardlaw Is Ill With
Scarlet Fever.

NEWARK, March 26.—The trial of
Mary Snead, Miss Virginia Wardlaw,
and Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, in-
dicted for the murder of Mrs. Martin's
daughter, Mrs. Cecy W. M. Snead,
which was set for April 11, was post-
poned today until April 15 by the supreme
court.

The postponement was at the request
of Prosecutor Mott, who announced that
one of his material witnesses, the police
sergeant who arrested Miss Wardlaw,
was ill with scarlet fever. The motion
for the postponement was not opposed.

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DEMOCRATS DIVIDED ON MARYLAND PLAN TO END NEGRO VOTE

Capitol Opinions Differ as
to Proposed Nullification
of Constitution.

MONEY DECLARES STEP IS FOOLISH

Senate Minority Leader Condemns
Contention of Majority in
State Legislature.

Democrats in Congress divide upon the
issue raised by the Maryland Legisla-
ture last night when a majority of that
body took steps to declare the Four-
teenth and Fifteenth amendments to the
Federal Constitution null, as applying to
the negro vote in State elections.

They all say that a new question is
raised, which may lead to far-reaching
results in so far as the validity of the
two amendments to the Constitution are
concerned.

Southern States are particularly con-
cerned in view of the fact that prac-
tically all of them have in one way or
another disfranchised the negro through
their State constitutions, but up to this
issue no direct steps have been taken to
nullify their acts. It is a question of
nullity of their acts has ever been
passed upon by the Supreme Court.
Democrats in Congress therefore believe
that the action in Maryland last night
will result in a definite decision one
way or the other.

Legality Questioned.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma, said today
when approached that he believed this
an excellent opportunity to test the
validity of the two amendments. He said:

"I think the attitude of the Maryland
body a suitable test of the two constitu-
tional amendments. It is a question
whether or not the Fourteenth and Fif-
teenth Amendments ever became a part
of the organic law within the methods
provided by the Constitution itself.
Their validity is doubtful on that score,
as we all know."

"As for myself, I approve of giving
the franchise to every man who is in-
telligent enough to exercise it. I am
opposed to the grossly ignorant man
cancelling the vote of a man above the
average intelligence. The ruling power
ought to be in the great body of the
people, excluding only the grossly ig-
norant and the culpable and deficient."

Senator Money of Mississippi, the
Democratic leader in the Senate, took
another view of the action of the Mary-
land Legislature. He thought it was
useless for the State to undertake to
nullify the Fourteenth and Fifteenth
Amendments, even to the extent of dis-
franchising the negro from voting in
a State election. He said Maryland
was bound by the Constitution in every
way, and that any such action would
found, where Maryland ratified the
amendments or not.

Bound By Amendment.

Senator Money said: "It is foolish
for Maryland to contend that she has
exceptions to the Constitution, be-
cause she did not ratify the Fourteenth
or Fifteenth amendments. The courts
will hold that Maryland is as much
bound as any State which did ratify
them. It will be futile for Maryland to
undertake to maintain the position
taken last night."

The action of South Carolina is not
a precedent in any sense of the word.
South Carolina did not nullify the Con-
stitution. She simply nullified the tar-
get, and that was the reason she was
Calhoun resigned as Vice President and
came to Washington as a Senator to
explain why the action was taken.
Everybody knows that he failed even
in that."

Senator Bailey, regarded as one of
the best constitutional lawyers, was
guarded in his expressions. He said
that he wanted to see exactly what
stand the Maryland Legislature had
taken, and why before he went into
a discussion of the matter. He did say,
however, that he regarded the question
as a serious one, and far-reaching,
and that the whole country would
take an interest in Maryland's effort to
maintain its position.

DEMOCRATS' PLAN CREATES A STIR

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 26.—The
topic in conversation this morning was
the action of the caucus of the Demo-
cratic members of the Maryland Legisla-
ture last night in outlining a plan of
legislation in deliberate defiance of the
Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitu-
tion by which acts will be passed which
direct the registers of voters to re-
fuse registration to all colored appli-
cants at the registration, prior to the
subsequent State elections. The pro-
posed acts are upon the assumption
that the Fifteenth Amendment has not
been ratified by Maryland, and is in-
valid.

The passage of the act making it
mandatory upon registration officers to
refuse colored applicants is to be fol-
lowed by the passage of a general
registration law which will, of course,
unless legal proceedings cause a chance,
enroll only white men. After this a
Constitutional amendment in order to
practically eliminate the colored vote
from all elections is to be submitted.

The proposed amendment will contain
a provision repealing the present Wil-
son law under which white whites, as
well as blacks, are disfranchised. The
scheme has as its principal backers
United States Senator Rayner, Governor
Crothers, and Attorney General Straus,
W. L. Marbury, A. W. Machen, jr., and
W. L. Rawls, of the Baltimore bar.
The prime movers in the proposed
scheme admit that it is extreme in its
propositions, but still hold that the mat-
ter has never been passed upon by the
Supreme Court of the United States.
Senator Rayner and Mr. Marbury, who
stand high as lawyers, assert that there
is a fair chance of success as to the
legal proposition before the highest
tribunal.

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British Explorer and His Wife



SIR ERNEST H. SHACKLETON.

LADY SHACKLETON.

BRITISH EXPLORER MEETS PRESIDENT

Will Speak at National Press
Club on Antarctic
"Race."

A reception by the President, a drive
through the city, and luncheon with
the British Ambassador, and a number
of other guests at the embassy, occu-
pied the time of Sir Ernest and Lady
Shackleton during the early part of
today.

The distinguished British explorer and
his wife arrived in Washington last
night. While here they will be en-
tertained by the British Ambassador
and Mrs. Bryce. This afternoon Mrs.
Bryce gave a tea in honor of Lady
Shackleton, and tonight Sir Ernest will
lecture at Convention Hall on his ex-
pedition to the Antarctic regions. To-
morrow he will be the guest of the
National Press Club, where he will meet
the members informally at 1:30 o'clock.

At Convention Hall tonight Sir Ernest
will receive a medal from the National
Geographic Society. It will be presented
by President Taft.

Sir Ernest is keenly interested in the
coming race for the South Pole, be-
tween English and American expedi-
tions. When asked about his plans the
young English naval officer fairly
glowed with enthusiasm over the South
Pole contest. All thought of the sci-
entific side of the question seemed to
be the race that appeared to interest
Sir Ernest, and he expressed his deter-
mination to do all in his power to
help win it for Great Britain.

"I am determined," said Shackleton,
"that the flag of Great Britain shall be
the first to float at the South Pole.
While my feelings toward America and
American explorers are nothing but the
most cordial, yet I am determined that
Great Britain shall be victorious in the
race to the Antarctic, and I will put
forth every effort for her success. My
plan for the expedition next year are
as yet incomplete, and I cannot there-
fore give out anything definite regard-
ing the task we have undertaken."

After making this declaration, the
British explorer, who was accompanied
by his wife and the British ambas-
sador, James Bryce, entered the Exec-
utive offices, and was cordially greet-
ed by President Taft who discussed Arctic
and Antarctic questions with him for
fifteen minutes. Shackleton explained
that he will not lead the British expedi-
tion to the Antarctic next year, Capt.
Robert Scott, of the British navy, will
be in command, although Shackleton is
superintending the preparations for the
trip and has planned the route.

This morning Sir Ernest called upon
Miss Wilkes, the daughter of Rear Ad-
miral Charles Wilkes, the famous Ant-
arctic explorer, after whom Wilkesland
is named. The British explorer dis-
cussed for some time with Miss Wilkes
the achievement of her father. Rear
Admiral Wilkes made the first extensive
exploration of the Antarctic continent in
1839-41. He had with him on his expedi-
tion the distinguished Agassiz, Gray,
and Dana.

Members of the National Geographic
Society are doing all in their power to
do him and his wife the honors they
deserve. A committee of the society, com-
posed of President Henry Gannett, Vice Presi-
dent O. H. Tittmann, and Albert H.
Grosvener, editor of the National Geo-
graphic Magazine, met Sir Ernest
and Lady Shackleton upon their arrival
last night.

MAY CALL TROOPS TO PAPER MILLS

Residents of Livermore Falls De-
mand Increased Pro-
tection.

LIVERMORE FALLS, Me., March 26.
—State troops may be called out today
by Sheriff Hastings to guard property
of the International Paper Company,
and to put down riotous demonstrations.
There have been so many riots about
the mills, where the employees are on
strike, that the residents called upon
the local authorities, for more police
protection.

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PREPARING TO HEAR PITTSBURG BANKERS

Grand Jury Wants Names
of Officials Who Paid
Bribes.

PITTSBURGH, March 26.—The grand
jury investigating the corruption in the
city council resumed its work today
and prepared to hear testimony Mon-
day from the presidents, directors, cash-
iers, tellers and book-keepers of the six
banks named yesterday in the grand
jury presentment as having "bribed
members of the council to pass a city
depository ordinance."

The district attorney is desirous of
learning what official of each bank au-
thorized the payment of money to the
councilmen and how it was paid.
It is believed that by the end of next
week the unraveling of the councilman
corruption tale in so far as the city de-
positories are concerned, will be com-
pleted. Then the grand jury will ex-
tend its investigations to other direc-
tions.

The city funds in the six depositories
which the grand jury instructed the
city officials to withdraw \$50,000 from
to \$150,000, but by the end of next
week it will probably reach \$300,000
because of the payment of taxes. The
money is to be withdrawn gradually to
prevent a run on the banks which
might cause them embarrassment.

MOTHER AND CHILD PERISH IN FLAMES

Chicago Visited by Second
Fatal Fire Within Twen-
ty-four Hours.

CHICAGO, March 26.—The second fatal
fire in Chicago in twenty-four hours
occurred early today, when Mrs. Carrie
Guilma and her three-month-old daugh-
ter Agnes, were burned to death. Frank
Guilma, 45, Paul Guilma, 25, and Joseph
Guilma, 19, were also seriously burned.
The fire broke out shortly after 1 a.
m., in a frame structure on the West
Side, occupied by the Guilma family
and a number of boarders. The flames
quickly cut off escape from the second
story, except by the windows, and the
mother and child were unable to get out
and perished.

Several persons are said to be mis-
sing, but the police believe only Mrs.
Guilma and her baby were killed.
The fire broke out in the Guilma family
and a number of boarders. The flames
quickly cut off escape from the second
story, except by the windows, and the
mother and child were unable to get out
and perished.

MARCH GALE FANS BAY STATE FIRES

BOSTON, Mass., March 26.—Reports
from all over the State today indicate
that yesterday's March gale was the
cause of heavy loss by fires, over \$250,
000 worth of property was destroyed. So
high was the wind firemen were unable
to fight the fires successfully.
In Hamilton, 100 persons were rendered
homeless when twenty-five houses burn-
ed, with a loss of \$100,000. A \$5,000
fire swept through Essex and for a time
threatened the whole town. Ashland
suffered a \$15,000 blaze. Sharon, Revere,
Worcester, and other cities report big
losses. In Boston there were forty fires
during the day.

NEARLY KILLED BY MULE.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 26.—While
working in the Cameron mines to get in
condition for the opening of the base-
ball season, Charles Courts, formerly of
the Southern, Tri-State, and Atlantic
leagues, was kicked over the head by
an enraged mule and almost killed.

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ETNA'S HOT FLOOD SLIGHTLY CHECKED

Greatest Danger Now Said
to Be in Case of Ameri-
can Tourists.

CATANIA, Sicily, March 26.—Despite
the fact that the lava that is being
poured from more than a dozen craters
in Mount Etna increased in amount
today, the progress of the molten river
down the southern slope of the moun-
tain was not so rapid.
The main stream of lava is now so
huge that its progress has been par-
tially checked through the inability of
the spouting craters to feed the stream
fast enough. Then, too, the cooling
edges of the lava streams serve as tem-
porary barriers until fresh accumula-
tions of lava avalanche themselves to
further limits.

It is impossible for anyone to get
nearer than 150 feet to the lava streams
owing to the intense heat.

Believing that the chief danger to the pro-
gress of the lava flood has been in an-
swer to their prayers and the scatter-
ing of holy relics in the progress of the
stream, the people increased their activi-
ties today and religious processions,
chanting, praying and bearing crucifixes
and relics are parading through the
towns that have so far been spared.

The only danger now to human life lies
in the recklessness of the tourists, the
thousands of whom have flocked here to
witness the inspiring spectacle. Most
of these tourists are English and Ameri-
can and the latter are the most dan-
gerous as the tourists become agitated,
took the whole matter into their own
hands, his first step being the con-
fiscation of the American flag. It was
predicted at that time that a friendly
settlement of the impending struggle
between the tourists and the lava
declared in pessimistic fashion that the
war was as good as won.

Mr. Taft, however, took hold of the
situation in earnest, and put the
matter up to Canada in such a way
that the peaceful settlement of the
"war" was assured today.

DEPARTMENT SITE TITLE QUESTIONED

Suit to Be Instituted in Ef-
fort to Reclaim Property
Worth \$15,000,000.

CROWLEY, La., March 26.—Suit to
recover from Pennsylvania State Govern-
ment for property in the District of Col-
umbia valued at \$15,000,000 is to be in-
stituted in the United States Court of
Claims, according to the announcement
of interested parties residing in this
State.

The land, which lies on the south side
of Pennsylvania avenue, it is de-
clared, was originally deeded to the United
States, with a provision that a certain
portion be deeded back, by Notary
Young, a Marylander, who died some
years ago, and whose heirs, twenty-five
in number, now reside in Louisiana and
Kentucky. The heirs assert that the
Government has failed to fulfill its por-
tion of the contract. The grounds of
the Department of Agriculture are a
portion of the tract in controversy.

HAND IN MOLTEN METAL.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 26.—Overcom-
ing the heat in the Pennsylvanian brass
foundry, Nicholas Kramer, a molder,
to prevent falling, thrust his right hand
into a pot of molten metal, splashing the
liquid out over himself. He was severely
burned.

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WAR WITH CANADA ON TARIFF AVERTED, ASSERTS MR. KNOX

Official Announcement Does
Not Give Details of
Settlement.

TERMS TO BE GIVEN NEXT WEDNESDAY

Concessions by Canada and Main-
tenance of Tariff
Involved.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

At the conclusion of a conference
this afternoon at the White House be-
tween representatives of the Canadian
government and President Taft and his
advisers, Philander C. Knox, Secretary
of State, gave out a brief statement
that the threatened tariff war between
the United States and Canada had been
averted.

Further than this, the Secretary of
State would not go.

It is believed, however, that the Presi-
dent has put through his original plan,
which is described as embracing these
features:

The obtaining of enough concessions
from Canada on schedules to justify his
issuing a proclamation which will leave
in effect after March 21, as is now the
case, the minimum tariff rates on Cana-
dian products brought into this country.

The consequent failure of Canada to
raise her rates against this country.
And some sort of an agreement looking
to the final arrangement of a trade
treaty between the two countries for the
abolition of certain objectionable sched-
ules as they now stand.

At the conference there were today:
Representing Canada, W. S. Field-
ing, minister of finance, and George P.
Graham, minister of railways.

Representing the United States,
President, the Secretary of State, the
Secretary of the Treasury, Chairman
Emery, of the tariff board, and Charles
M. Pepper, tariff expert for the De-
partment of State.

Mr. Knox's statement after the con-
ference was as follows:

"The negotiations between the Presi-
dent and the Canadian representatives,
which were begun at Albany some days
ago, were resumed at Washington today
and were concluded. They have taken
a form which gives assurance that a
friendly understanding will be come to
immediately. It is expected that the of-
ficial announcement will be made simul-
taneously at Washington and at Ottawa
on Wednesday, the 27th inst."

Diplomacy Wins.